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Washington, DC 20510

March 17, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petition To Reject The Administrator's Discount Threshold Recommendation For
Funding Year 2010, Cc Docket No. 02-6.

Dear Commissioners:

We urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to consider rejecting the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) recommendation to cut off full discount funding for priority two E-rate projects at 81% for the 2010 funding year. In addition, we ask that you delay making this decision until you have the most accurate picture of the amount of funds that will be available for "Priority Two" projects. We feel strongly that rural and low-income schools and libraries must have robust telecommunications infrastructure so that students can learn the skills they need to find a job in today's high-tech and internet dependent world. We ask for your thorough consideration of this issue.

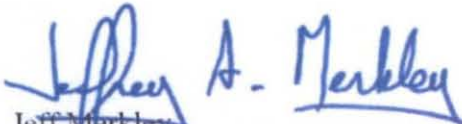
While we applaud the FCC's commitment to fund "Priority One" E-rate projects so that schools and libraries can have basic telecommunications access, we are concerned that "Priority Two" projects are not receiving appropriate funding. Due to Oregon's geography, some areas in rural Oregon have few options for telecommunications services, making E-rate financial support critical to ensuring adequate infrastructure. Without the proper infrastructure that "Priority Two" funding provides, schools and libraries cannot carry out the necessary technology upgrades to keep these students on a level playing field with students in high-income school districts.

Your decision on where to place the discount funding threshold is one that has serious implications for struggling schools around the country. In order to make a well-informed

decision, you should have the best and most current information about available funds. We ask that you wait to make your decision until you have had time to consider this data.

We appreciate the challenge you have in a situation where demand greatly exceeds available funds. In order to give our students the best possible education, we encourage you to do everything in your power to fund as many "Priority Two" projects as possible.

Sincerely,



Jeff Merkley
United States Senator



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



David Wu
House of Representatives



Earl Blumenauer
House of Representatives



Peter DeFazio
House of Representatives



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

April 26, 2011

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
1502 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Blumenauer:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to reject the Universal Service Administrative Company recommendation to deny E-rate funding requests at the 80 percent discount level and below for priority two services for funding year 2010.

This issue is the subject of a petition filed by Funds for Learning, Inc. (FFL) on February 11, 2011. The Commission disseminated the FFL petition on Public Notice and has recently received comments from interested parties. I appreciate your thoughts on the matter and will ensure that your letter is included in the record of the proceeding. The Commission will make every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible.

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Julius Genachowski



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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Julius Genachowski



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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
107 Russell Senate Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2338 Rayburn House Office Building
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